

6th July 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, I wanted to share with you some key dates and events for the new academic year.

It has been another very busy year at Hartshill Academy with lots of changes. Our pupils have shown great tenacity and ambition to adapt to all the challenges of this year. I am so proud of them all. Unfortunately, this week we have had the disappointing news that our new build will not be ready for us in September. We will continue to work with Wates and the Department for Education to ensure the move to the new build is now ready for us to move at October half-term. I will update pupils, parents and staff as soon as we have any updates in the new term.

End of School Year

Summer Term finishes on Friday 21st July at 12:15 for the Summer Holidays.

Autumn Term Start Dates

Year 7 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Wednesday 6th September at 08:40.

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Thursday 7th September at 08:40.

The Academy Day 2023-2024

All pupils should be on site for 08:40. Any pupils who arrive after this time must report to the canteen to sign in, where a late detention will be issued for lunch-time on the same day; pupils who arrive after 09:05 must sign in at Reception, and wait for a member of staff to collect them – a detention will be issued in the same way.

The school day will finish at 15:20.

Bags

As part of move to the new build, we are introducing a Hartshill Academy backpack. This is a 30 litre bag that will be compulsory for all pupils. We have chosen this bag to ensure all pupils have the space to carry their ready to learn packs, knowledge organisers, books and coats in the new building. We will provide this bag for all pupils on their first day in September – please do not purchase an additional bag, as it will not be permitted for pupils to use. All pupils will be expected to have this bag as a key part of their school equipment every day.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn 1	Wednesday 6 th September – Friday 27 th October 2023
Autumn 2	Monday 6 th November – Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring 1	Wednesday 10 th January – Friday 9 th February 2024
Spring 2	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 21 st March 2024
Summer 1	Tuesday 9 th April – Friday 24 th May 2024 (Bank Holiday Monday 6 th May)
Summer 2	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July 2024
Academy closed for teacher training	Friday 1 st September 2023 Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023 Monday 8 th January 2024 Tuesday 9 th January 2024 Friday 22 nd March 2023 Monday 8 th April 2023

Progress Evenings and Events 2023-2024

Year 7	Settling In Evening Thursday 28 th September 4-7pm – In School Progress Evening Thursday 11 th April 2-7pm – Online
Year 8	Progress Evening Thursday 7 th March 2-7pm – Online
Year 9	Progress Evening Thursday 7 th December 2-7pm – Online Pathways Evening – Thursday 22 nd February – In School
Year 10	Progress Evening Thursday 23 rd November 2-7pm – Online
Year 11	Year 11 Information Evening Thursday 28 th September 5.30-6.30pm – In School Progress Day Wednesday 25 th October 10am-6pm – Online Progress Evening Thursday 25 th January 2024 2-7pm – Online

Uniform

Full details of the Hartshill Academy uniform are available on our website

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/parents/uniform>

There is an optional choice to wear a plain black v-neck jumper as part of the school uniform. This is the only style of jumper that is allowed.

The maroon PE kit t-shirt and the optional PE hooded jumper are **the only PE kit** that are allowed from September 2023 for all pupils.

PE Days

All pupils are expected to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. We do this to reduce the amount of time that is spent getting changed, meaning pupils have more time in their PE lessons.

PE days will be:

	PE Kit Day
Year 7	Thursday
Year 8	Monday
Year 9	Wednesday
Year 10	Tuesday
Year 11	Friday

If your child has chosen PE or Sports Studies as an option subject in Years 10 or 11, they may be required to wear their PE kit on other days for those lessons. Their PE teacher will let them know when this will be – pupils should wear full uniform on any other day.

Equipment

All pupils are expected to have the following equipment on them every day so they are ready and prepared for their lessons.

The calculator we recommend is the Casio fx-83GTX, Casio fx-85GTX, Casio fx-83CTW or Casio fx-85CTW



The graphic features a circular logo with a white silhouette of a stag on a dark red background. To the right of the logo, the word "Equipment" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, a bulleted list of items is provided. The items are: Black Pen x 2, Green Pen, Pencil, Rubber, 30cm Ruler, Calculator, Knowledge Organiser, Timetable, and Yellow Book. Surrounding the text are images of the corresponding items: two black pens, one green pen, one pencil, a white ruler, a white rubber, a black calculator, a blue and white Knowledge Organiser, a yellow book, and a timetable.

- Black Pen x 2
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- 30cm Ruler
- Calculator
- Knowledge Organiser
- Timetable
- Yellow Book

If you have any questions, please contact school on email infoHHA@midlandat.co.uk or via the Weduc app.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lorraine Taylor

Principal